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SUBJECT: POPE RECEIVES ISRAELI POW FAMILIES

REF: ROME 0970

1. POPE PAUL RECEIVED IN BRIEF PRIVATE AUDIENCE MARCH 20 BAROUCH TOR AND PEREZ MAZOUZ, PARENTS OF TWO ISRAELI POW'S BEING HELD IN SYRIA. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSELOR MEYER MENDES OF ISRAELI EMBASSY WHO ARRANGED ENCOUNTER.

2. AFTER NOTING HIS EMOTION AND PROFOUND SENSITIVITY TO THE GESTURE OF CONFIDENCE PARENTS HAVE SHOWN TO HIM, AS WELL IN THE NAME OF OTHER PARENTS OF SIMILAR PRISONERS, POPE PAUL RECALLED THAT HE HAD INTERVENED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE HOPE OF CONTRIBUTING TO A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF PRISONERS. CONTINUING HIS TALK IN FRENCH, POPE MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO USE ALL THEIR POWERS AND EFFORTS TO END PROMPTLY SO MUCH SUFFERING AND TO END IN A SPIRIT OF JUSTICE, UNDERSTANDING AND RECONCILIATION THE GREAT EVIL OF WARFARE.

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3. OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING,
COUNSELOR MENDES CALLED US YESTERDAY TO SAY THAT POPE HAD BEEN
EXTREMELY KIND TO GROUP AND HAD MADE VERY POSITIVE IMPRESSION.

4. COMMENT: FULL TEXT OF POPE'S REMARKS CARRIED IN MARCH 21
"L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO", A CLEAR INDICATION THAT VATICAN USING
THIS IRREPROACHABLE DISPLAY OF PAPAL INTEREST IN ISRAELI POW'S
IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH GOI WITHOUT GIVING
UNDUE OFFENSE TO ARABS.VOLPE

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